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SERIAL NO.: 10/623,222	EXAMINER:
FILED: July 21, 2003	
TITLE: Gutter Retaining System	ART UNIT NO.:

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Applicant hereby petitions to receive the original filing date of July 21, 2003. The drawings at issue were submitted with the original application on July 21, 2003.

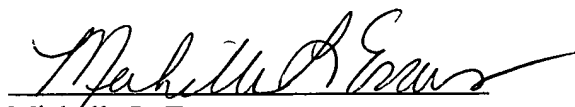
On December 12, 2003, Applicant received a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application (dated December 8, 2003) stating that the application was deposited without drawings and therefore a filing date was not accorded to the application. On December 18, 2003, Applicant submitted a Response to Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application, which included another original set of the originally submitted drawings. On April 21, 2004, Applicant received a decision dismissing a petition because a \$130.00 petition fee was not submitted with the response, which was not a petition.

Applicant now petitions to obtain the original filing date and has enclosed sufficient evidence to establish Applicant's entitlement to the original filing date. This evidence establishes prior receipt in the USPTO of the drawings at issue. This evidence includes the following: (1) Certificate of

Mailing dated July 17, 2003; and (2) returned postcard from the USPTO dated July 21, 2003. The Certificate of Mailing and the postcard both indicate that three pages of drawings were enclosed. The USPTO acknowledged receipt of the drawings on the return postcard on July 21, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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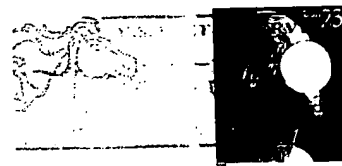
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4. Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney (6 pages);
5. Information Disclosure Statement with Cited Reference;
6. Patent Application (17 pages) with Drawings (3 pages);
7. Acknowledgment Postcard; and
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